

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2693
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. CERAMIC INDUSTRIES
Bavalia Shri Kuvarjibhai Mohanbhai

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revive the ceramic industries of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the policies of the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the funds allocated by the Government to ceramic industries during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN)

(a): There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government for revival of ceramic industries of Gujarat. However, the Department of Commerce in its Foreign Trade Policy, announced on 18th April, 2013 has added the town of Morbi, Gujarat to the existing list of towns of export excellence for ceramic tiles and apparel exports respectively. These towns shall be eligible to get benefit under Assistance to State for Infrastructure Development of Export (ASIDE) Scheme.

(b): The industry was de-licensed in 1991 under the policy of economic liberalization. Investment decisions have been left to the commercial judgment of the entrepreneurs. The Government acts as a facilitator and has put in place an investor friendly regime.

(c): No funds have been allocated by the Government to the Ceramic Industries during the last three years and the current year.